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ECE MEETINGS

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BEGIN SUMMARY. THE BONN GROUP AGREED ON NOVEMBER 7 THAT
ACTION ON RESPONDING TO A POSSIBLE SOVIET PROTEST ON
THE PRESENCE OF AN OFFICIAL FROM BERLIN AT THE
NOVEMBER 10 ECE SEMINAR ON DESULPHURIZATION OF FUELS
SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE PROTEST IS RECEIVED AND
EXAMINED IN THE BONN GROUP. THE BROADER QUESTION OF
SOVIET/EE PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS WHERE BERLIN
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AGENCY ARE PRESENT WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. THE SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRG FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY(FEA) IN ECE MEETINGS WAS DISCUSSED AT THE NOVEMBER 7 BONN GROUP MEETING. FRG REP (LUECKING) STATED THAT THE SITUATION DESCRIBED IN PARAS 2-4, REFTEL (A) HAD BEEN A SIMPLE CASE OF FRG EMBASSY MISINTERPRETING ITS INSTRUCTIONS.

2. LUECKING SAID THAT THE FONOFF'S INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
A. AN ECE MEETING WAS TO TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON;
B. THE POSSIBILITY OF A SOVIET PROTEST OR EASTERN EUROPEAN BOYCOTT HAD ARISEN;
C. IF THE SOVIETS PROTESTED FEA REPS' PARTICIPATION IN THE FRG DELEGATION, THE FRG EMBASSY WAS TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE ALLIES;
D. IF THE SOVIET PROTEST WAS IDENTICAL TO THE ONE THEY LODGED AT A SIMILAR SEMINAR IN GENEVA, THE FRG DELEGATION WAS TO COORDINATE THE REPLY WITH THE ALLIES USING THE TEXT AGREED TO IN THE BONN GROUP ON THE OCCASION OF THE EARLIER SOVIET PROTEST;
E. IF THE SOVIET PROTEST WAS NOT IDENTICAL TO THEIR EARLIER PROTEST IN GENEVA, THE MATTER WAS TO BE REFERRED TO BONN.

3. LUECKING WAS UNABLE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC AS TO WHAT GENEVA SEMINAR HE WAS REFERRING TO, BUT UNDERTOOK TO OBTAIN THAT INFORMATION. THE UK REP (HITCH) SAID THAT NO ACTION IN RESPONSE TO A SOVIET PROTEST SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THE WASHINGTON SEMINAR UNTIL THIS POINT HAD BEEN CLARIFIED.

4. AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION, ALL REPS AGREED THAT ANY REPLY WOULD HAVE TO BE GEARED TO THE SPECIFIC PROTEST AND THAT NO FURTHER ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN UNTIL THE PROTEST, IF ANY, COULD BE EXAMINED IN THE BONN GROUP.

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5. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 5, REFTEL A, US REP THEN ASKED THAT THE GENERAL QUESTION OF SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN ECE MEETINGS ATTENDED BY FEA REPS BE ADDRESSED. BONN GROUP VIEWS OF THE SEVERITY OF THE PROBLEM WERE REQUESTED. IT WAS AGREED TO PUT THOSE TOPICS ON THE AGENDA FOR A FULLER DISCUSSION IN THE BONN GROUP THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10.

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6. HITCH REPORTED HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM GENEVA REPORTING THAT STANOVNIK EXPECTS THE SOVIETS TO ATTEND THE WASHINGTON SEMINAR.
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